REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	13 May 1997
Name of applicant/court:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Tied, Trained and Transformed
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Richard Rank
Producer:	Larry M. Burton
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Video Recording VHS/PAL
Country of Origin:	USA
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Tied, Trained and Transformed	Running time:	56.23
Trailers:	Jennifer Jordan Production Notice	Running time:	0.16
		Total Running time:	56.39

Excision/Alteration: No.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has not been given.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The Classification Office classifies the video recording *Tied, Trained and Transformed* as:
Objectionable.

Tied, Trained and Transformed, contains a significant amount of sexual activity and bondage and discipline practices. The focus of the feature is the sexual transformation of a male, which takes place against his will. The male is initially drugged and restrained. He is then subjected to verbal abuse, humiliation, and whipped in order to gain his participation in sexual activity and break his masculine spirit.

Particular weighting has been given to the manner in which the male is coerced into sexual activity and to the fact that he is demeaned by the activity which takes place. The male's apparent lack of choice has been given significant weighting.

Section 14 of the NZBR Act has been balanced against the extent, degree and manner in which this publication demeans, and degrades the male participant, and the use of coercion in association with sexual conduct. However, it is considered in this instance that overriding s14 is reasonable and justified given the likely injury to the public good.

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